
In Focus

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***News from the BSBP Braille and
Talking Book Library (BTBL)***

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From LARA to LEO: New State Department Designation

The Bureau of Services for Blind Persons (BSBP), along with several other employment related agencies, has been reassigned to the newly created Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity (LEO). The Braille and Talking Book Library continues to function within BSBP and we expect no change in our service as a result of this reorganization. You may, however, notice the change from Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA) to LEO on our print materials and our online masthead.

The mission of the Bureau of Service for Blind Persons is to provide opportunities to individuals who are blind or visually impaired so they can achieve maximum and meaningful independence in life through comprehensive rehabilitative services.

“The BSBP move to LEO provides opportunities for enhanced coordination of business engagement and employment services for consumers,” stated BSBP Director Robinson. “I have served on the Detroit Workforce Board and I am excited that the demonstrated leadership and foresight of LEO Director Donofrio in building business relationships and partnerships to create jobs is coming to Lansing.

“Working together, our new department will continue to help close opportunity gaps, helping people, businesses and communities reach their full potential,” said LEO Director Jeff Donofrio.

BTBL Calendar and News ---

BTBL Club Info

Clubs meet in the BTBL lobby on the ground floor of the Michigan Library and Historical Center, across from the elevators. Computer and Book Club meet the second Saturday of the month at 10:30 and 1:30, respectively. Club dates are always subject to change, especially around the holidays. Please contact the library prior to the program to confirm the date and time.

If you cannot attend in person, you may join most of our clubs by dialing 888-278-0296 and entering the access code 5836578.

BTBL Calendar of Events:

- September 14: **Technology Club** – Low-tech options for everyday situations presented by Diana Engle
- September 14: **Book Club** – *A Murder in Music City: Corruption, scandal and the framing of an innocent man* by Michael Bishop (DB95135)
- October 12: **Technology Club** – iOS update presented by Al Puzzuoli
- October 12: **Book Club** – *Like Water for Chocolate* by Laura Esquivel (DB36256 / BR9187)
- October 17: **Consumer Involvement Committee (CIC) Meeting** – This call is open to all patrons and we encourage your participation! Use the dial in information listed above and join us from 1-2:30pm.
- November 16: **Technology Club** – Holiday shopping presented by J.J. Meddaugh
- November 16: **Book Club** – *Lives Laid Away* by Stephen Mack Jones (DB94769). The author will be present for audience questions.
- December 14: **Technology Club** – Voice control on iOS products presented by Jim Nuttall
- December 14: **Book Club** – To be announced.

Low Vision Support Groups

You may have noticed support groups for those with low vision often announced in the “Around the State” section of the newsletter, but did you know there may be one near you? If you are looking for a support group to join but aren’t sure how to find one, consider contacting the Bureau of Services for Blind Persons (BSBP) at 800-292-4200 or even your local Lions Club to see if they know of a group in your area.

Highlighted in this issue is the Midland Low Vision Support Group hosted by the Aldersgate United Methodist Church. Lunch included. Contact Dick Skochdopole at 989 835-6433 or RESkoch@aol.com

Bed Bugs and Books

Staff at BTBL handle an average of 2,000 Talking Books each day as they are returned from patrons. In the last two months we have experienced 4 instances in which bed bugs were observed on the table used to inspect books. When this occurs, we don’t know from which book the little critters emerged, making it impossible to contact the patron who may have an infestation. Although we thoroughly inspect cartridge cavities and container crevices, we need your help to get this problem under control. If you suspect that you have a bed bug problem, **please let us know** before sending books or equipment through the mail. We will work with you to assure you have books to read while the issue is being resolved.

Alternative to the Print Prescription Label by Malaina VanderWal

Did you know you can get prescriptions with audio, large print or braille labels at no charge? Select pharmacies in Michigan enable individuals who are blind, low vision, or reading challenged, to independently identify prescriptions, proper dosage information, and other relevant instructions.

For more information about accessible labels, and how to find a pharmacy currently offering them, contact En-Vision America by calling 1-800-890-1180. A representative will be able to answer questions and provide assistance in locating the nearest pharmacy offering an alternative to the print prescription label.

Technology Corner

Scott Norris and Bridgid Turner, Adaptive Technology Librarians
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Seeing Ai app for iOS Devices

Do you struggle with reading your mail? Is that a \$5 bill or a \$10? Seeing Ai is a great FREE app for iOS products that can help people who are blind or have low vision with these issues. Many features exist: get audio guidance to read text with the device's camera, read handwriting, identify currency, locate and scan barcodes, and even use it to identify people and save faces so you can recognize them later! The app will even give an estimate of a person's age, gender and emotions. One caveat here is that if the subject smiles, it guesses the age younger than they are. One of the biggest bonuses is that it has a color identifier that actually works! There are many products out there that do these tasks, however this app combines all of them in one for a great price, free.

NLS Digital Player Shortage and BARD

Earlier this month, the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (NLS) issued a caution to conserve on digital talking book players due to dwindling supplies. Production of digital players ceased a few years ago in anticipation of the next-generation player coming on board sooner than is now feasible. We are asking anyone who has more than one NLS issued digital player to return one to BTBL so it can be issued to another patron whose player is malfunctioning or just getting started with the service. We also encourage anyone who is using BARD mobile with a personal mobile device to consider giving up your NLS player. The more people using BARD Mobile, the longer we can stretch the supply.

Even if you don't have a mobile device, BARD downloading is convenient, easy to use, and fast. Books can be saved to your computer and transferred to a thumb drive for use in the NLS player. No waiting for the mail! Though we're emphasizing digital delivery, we realize that many patrons aren't comfortable with technology or do not have their own personal device or Internet access. To ensure we still have machines on hand for these patrons, we ask for everyone's cooperation.

Local Recordings

Betsie Branch, Studio Coordinator Librarian
1-800-992-9012 or branchb1@michigan.gov

These books were recorded by volunteers at the Michigan Braille and Talking Book Library and are available on digital cartridge or for download from the National Library Service's (NLS) online Braille and Audio Reading Download (BARD) database: <https://nlsbard.loc.gov/>

DBC16170 - *Grown-Up Anger: The Connected Mysteries of Bob Dylan, Woody Guthrie, and the Calumet Massacre of 1913* by Daniel Wolff, read by Michael P. Donovan - Some strong language. A 2018 Michigan Notable Book. 2017.

DBC16171 - *Lake Invaders: Invasive Species and the Battle for the Future of the Great Lakes* by William Rapai, read by Michael P. Donovan - A 2017 Michigan Notable Book. 2016.

DBC11229 - *Twelve Twenty-Five: The Life and Times of a Steam Locomotive* by Kevin P. Keefe, read by Andy Andersen - History and development of the Pere Marquette 1225 steam locomotive in Michigan and its starring role in the 2004 movie "The Polar Express." A 2017 Michigan Notable book. 2016.

DBC11100 - *Great Girls in Michigan History* by Patricia Majher, read by Danielle E. Ward - Highlighting 20 girls from Michigan's past who did amazing things before they turned 20. For junior and senior high readers. A 2016 Michigan Notable book. 2015.

DBC16172 - *A Polish Doctor in Nazi Camps: My Mother's Memories of Imprisonment, Immigration, and a Life Remade* by Barbara Rylko-Bauer, read by Michael P. Donovan - A 2015 Michigan Notable book. 2014.

DBC16173 - *November's Fury: The Deadly Great Lakes Hurricane of 1913* by Michael Schumacher, read by Michael P. Donovan - A 2014 Michigan Notable book. 2013.

BTBL Staff Picks

Caitlin Wolfe, Reader Advisor
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DB74087 - *The Descendants* by Kauai Hart Hemmings, read by David Hartley-Margolin. Hawaii. After attorney Matt King learns that his comatose wife Joanie had been unfaithful, he and their troubled daughters search for her lover to invite him to say goodbye to Joanie. Meanwhile, Matt faces the upcoming sale of valuable family land he inherited from his royal ancestor. Strong language. 2007.

"I have nothing in common with this main character, but the story is written in a way that makes it easy for me to empathize with him. I like the way the father develops his relationships with his daughters and how he struggles with his cultural identity." -Betsie, BTBL Librarian

DB72601 - *The Way Of Kings: The Stormlight Archive, Book 1* by Brandon Sanderson, read by Mark Ashby. On storm-swept Roshar, cities are built in locations that are sheltered from the tempests and wars are fought over shardblades and shardplates--mystical armor that transforms men into fearsome warriors. Accused of desertion, Kaladin fights for his freedom in a battle on the Shattered Plains. Violence. 2010.

"Brandon Sanderson has a real gift for building fantasy worlds and different systems of magic. This is the first book in his Stormlight Archive series, which is probably my favorite. The series has not been completed yet, so you have plenty of time to get through these long books! There are three so far." -Caitlin, BTBL Librarian

DB85205 / BR21643 - *Dark Matter* by Blake Crouch. After being kidnapped, Jason Dessen wakes up to an unfamiliar life in which his wife is not his wife and he has no son. Rather than a college professor, Jason finds he is a celebrated genius of remarkable achievement. Bestseller. 2016.

"Fast-paced and gripping, this novel delves into the concept of a multiverse. I am by no means a science fiction fan, yet I found myself loving this book. I was rooting for the "real" Jason and his sweet love story through all the craziness." -Stephanie, BTBL Librarian

DB83204 - *My Grandmother Asked Me To Tell You She's Sorry* by Fredrik Backman, read by Jordan Leigh. Seven-year-old Elsa is acknowledged as weird. The grandmother she lives with is flat-out crazy, but she shares tales of the fairyland of Miamas. When her grandmother dies, Elsa is entrusted with delivering letters of apology and learns about her place in the world. 2014.

"I loved that the grandmother watched over Elsa even in death. This was a heartwarming book about the power of familial love and the many people who can be part of a family. I fell in love with Elsa and all her quirkiness." -Sue G., BTBL Machine Services

DB92822 - *The Dalai Lama's cat*, books 1-3 by David Michie, read by Catherine Byers. Three novels, written between 2012 and 2015, told from the perspective of a cat. In *The Dalai Lama's Cat*, a stray kitten becomes the Dalai Lama's pet. Also includes *The Dalai Lama's Cat and the Art of Purring* and *The Dalai Lama's Cat and the Power of Meow*. 2015.

"Humanity and humor kept my interest as the Cat makes friends with the neighbors and eavesdrops on celebrities meeting with the Dalai Lama. There is also some easy to understand philosophy and mindfulness instruction woven into the story that I really appreciate." -Betsie, BTBL Librarian

DB 92587 - *The Glass Ocean: A novel* by Beatriz Williams, Lauren Willig and Karen White. Desperate for story ideas, novelist Sarah Blake opens the forbidden chest of her great-grandfather, who served on a German U-boat in 1915. What she uncovers leads to the stories of a Southern belle and a con woman who traveled on the doomed Lusitania. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2018.

"This is the second book that I have read by these three authors. It follows the stories of three different women, two in 1915 and one in 2013. It draws you in and keeps you listening to the very end to see what twists and turns they will make. I liked it so much, I went on to read a nonfiction book about the Lusitania sinking just for fun." -Bridgid, BTBL Librarian

Youth Services

Stephanie Wambaugh, Youth and Outreach Librarian
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Summer Reading Participants Shoot for the Stars

A Universe of Stories summer reading program came to an end August 4th, and the creativeness of the submissions was outstanding! Here are two of the excellent entries:



Photo captions: Left- Tryson S. sits smiling holding his space creature! It is blue with 3 eyes and at least 4 legs, has a long skinny body, a circle head, and appears to be wearing a hat. Right- Emily K. holds the picture of her crown-shaped constellation, named "The Queens Crown". She wrote that the powerful queen died in a fire, and that the king missed her so much that he placed her crown in the night sky so all would remember her.

Pre-ETS Updates:

The Bureau of Services for Blind Persons Pre-Employment Transition Services (Pre-ETS) helps students age 14 and over to successfully make the transition from high school to postsecondary education or employment. The student works with a team including a Bureau rehabilitation counselor, the student's parents, a teacher consultant, a social worker, a special education director, and possibly others to prepare an annual Individual Education Program (IEP) plan. There are five pre-employment transition service categories: job exploration counseling, work-based learning, post-secondary exploration, workplace readiness training and self-advocacy instruction. For more information visit: www.michigan.gov/bsbp.

Around the State

The following programs may be offered only to patrons within the counties served for each library location. To find out if a program is available to you, refer to the library listings on page 14 or call the location in question to verify.

Library for Assistive Media and Talking Books (St. Clair County)

210 McMorran Blvd, Port Huron, MI 48060 • 1-800-272-8570

- **Food Pantry.** We have been awarded a food pantry from the Woman's Life Chapter 803, dedicated to helping those in need. This pantry will be set up at the main library for all to enjoy and use. Feel free to stop in and take food any time you want! We are also accepting any donations of items that are professionally prepared and have not expired such as: jerky and dehydrated meat and fruit, canned fruit and vegetables, soups, stews and meals, crackers, cookies, beans, etc. The pantry should be operational by mid-August but there will be a dedication on Friday, September 6, which is National Food Pantry Day.
- **A fitness class designed specifically for all abilities!** Join Rose Rumball for a unique concept in aerobic exercise performed to upbeat music while in the comfort of a chair! The class takes place at the Main Branch at 11 a.m. on the 2nd Tuesday of the month, September – December.

Braille and Talking Books @ Taylor Community Library

12303 Pardee Rd, Taylor, Michigan 48180 • 1- 844-307-1621

- **World Sight Day 2019.** Thursday, October 10 from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Join us for a day dedicated to awareness, focusing global attention on blindness and vision impairment. Visit with vendors or listen to our speakers who are proven leaders in the fields of Ophthalmology, Assistive Technology, and more.
- **New! Descriptive Audio Movies.** Meets the 1st Wednesday of the month at 12 p.m. Drop in for screenings of popular movies featuring Audio Descriptive (AD) track.
- **Brown Bag Book Discussion.** Meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 12 p.m. Bring your lunch and discuss titles selected specifically for audio listening.
- **Assistive Technology Talk.** Meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 12 p.m. Learn about today's leading technology in accessibility.
- **Visually Impaired People's (VIP) Support Group.** Meets the 4th Wednesday of the month at 12 p.m. Learn new ways, and share your own, to make positive impacts in life. Family, friends, drivers, and caregivers are welcome.
- **Join us remotely.** To access any of our programs remotely, call in to our conference line at: (712)775-7031, access code: 965803.

Detroit Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

3666 Grand River Ave, Detroit, MI 48208 • 1- 313-481-1702

- **Internet and Word Processing Training Using Assistive Technology.** Tuesdays, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Learn to use computers and improve your skills using assistive technology. Keyboard instruction is also offered.
- **Braille Instruction.** Tuesdays, 1 p.m. – 3 p.m. Learn to read and write Braille.
- **Descriptive DVD Day.** Meets the 1st Wednesday of the month from 12 – 2 p.m. Visually impaired and blind persons can watch a movie that includes a narrative description of the screen action. Light refreshments served.
- **Nifty Knitters.** Meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month from 12 – 2 p.m. Learn to knit on a loom and enjoy knitting with others. Supplies are provided or bring your own.
- **Book Club.** Meets the 4th Wednesday of the month from 1-2:30 p.m. Two books are discussed at each meeting. Light refreshments served.

Oakland Talking Book Service @ RHPL

500 Olde Towne Rd, Rochester, MI 48307 • 1-800-774-4542

- **Phoney Friends Book Group.** If you are looking for an opportunity to discuss great books and chat with other OTBS patrons, please consider joining the next Phoney Friends Book Group. Every month, the group will discuss books via conference call so you can participate from the comfort of your own home. The discussion takes place on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 1:30 p.m.
- **Book Friends.** You are invited to join this group of OTBS patrons for a stimulating discussion of some great books. The book discussions are held at the Good Samaritan Lutheran Church in Pontiac on the 1st Monday of each month. The church is accessible via the SMART bus system.

Talking Book Library @ Traverse Area District Library

610 Woodmere Ave, Traverse City, MI 49686 • 1-877-931-8558

- **Book Discussion.** Our Tuesdays @ Two book discussion group is going strong! We read across many genres, from non-fiction war stories to humor. We meet the last Tuesday of each month at 2:00 p.m. in the McGuire Community Room at Traverse Area District Library. Program is open to the public, and we encourage a mix of TBL and public library patrons.
- **Traverse City Lion's Club.** This long-standing group welcomes new members to help raise awareness about visual impairments and to support local community service efforts. The TC Lion's Club meets the 2nd Thursday of each month at the Traverse City Elk's Lodge. Contact Bill Young at 231-275-6199 with questions.

- **Support Groups.** The Traverse City Visually Impaired Persons group meets monthly; contact Melinda Hollands at 231-590-0986 or mhollandstc@gmail.com. This is a very active group that is interested in getting out and exploring pertinent topics and trends. The Cadillac Area Low Vision group meets the second Tuesday of each month at the Wexford County Council on Aging, 10:00-11:00 a.m. Contact Connie Payne at 231-779-0149.
- **World Sight Day & Meet the Blind Month.** We will host several special events during the month of October. Stay tuned for details!

Muskegon Area District Library for the Visually and Physically Disabled 4845 Airline Road, Unit 5, Muskegon, MI 49444-4563 • 1- 877-569-4801

- **Descriptive Movie Showings.** Join us on September 18 for *The Green Book*. Join us on November 13 for *The Shack*.
- **Support Groups.** Check out our local low vision support groups which all meet monthly.
 - o Muskegon County: 3rd Wednesday at 12:30 p.m. located at United Way of the Lakeshore, 31 E. Clay.
 - o Ottawa County:
 - Grand Haven – 2nd Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. located at Village at the Pines, 1450 S. Ferry St.
 - Holland – 4th Monday at 9:30 a.m. located at Village at Appledorn, 630 Hastings Ave.
 - Zeeland – 4th Monday at 2 p.m. located at Royal Park Place, 500 Parkside Dr

Great Lakes Talking Books

1615 Presque Isle, Marquette, MI 49855 • 1- 800-562-8985

- **Audio Newsletter.** Call Lynn or Jeremy to receive the GLTB fall/winter audio edition.
- **Local Recording Studio.** Great Lakes Talking Books has purchased a 7'x7' professional recording studio with funds donated by the Victoria Wolff Estate and James Armstrong memorial funds. The booth will be used to record books written by local authors and/or about the Upper Peninsula and northern Lower Michigan. It has been installed in the Peter White Public Library in Marquette. It will also be available for use by the public, supervised by GLTB and Superiorland Library Cooperative staff. An audition for narrators has been held and we are now in the process of selecting books and magazines for audio recording. Some electrical work needs to be completed and the booth needs to be painted and furnished. We are hoping to begin recording books/magazines after Labor Day.
- **New staff.** Tonia will be filling in for Lynn at times. She has worked as a reader advisor at the Ann Arbor District Library and is able to assist you with any issues that may arise.

Macomb Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped @ CMPL

40900 Romeo Plank, Clinton Township, MI 48038 • 1-855-203-5274

- **Macomb Library for the Blind is On the Air!** We have made our first foray into the world of podcasts! If you visit our website at <https://cmpl.org/mlbph> and go down the page, you will find a link to our MLBPH Podcast. Hosted by our librarian Barb and our tutor/program facilitator Sharon, the first episode focuses on equipment and communication that aid people with vision issues to become more independent. More episodes to follow, so stay tuned!
- **Technology Assistance.** Free tutoring is available on Windows based computers using the screen reader JAWS or the magnification software ZoomText. Tutoring is also available for iPhones, iPads, and iPod Touch. You can learn how to use your device with its own built-in feature that talks to you. Some of your questions may be answered over the phone, but tutoring is also available in person at the library. Please call to set up an appointment.
- **Assistive Technology Demonstrations and More.** If you are interested in learning about everyday items that may help you with your vision challenges, then give us a call at the library to set up a one-hour appointment with Sharon. We can demonstrate equipment such as cooking aids, lamps, magnifiers, bar code scanner, label reader, and more. We do not sell this equipment, so there is no pressure to purchase. This is just an informal way to learn about these devices and what may be right for you. Call us to set up an appointment.
- **Vision Network Group.** Patrons with vision issues, caregivers, family members and friends are welcome to attend any or all of our meetings. You do not need to register for this program and drop-ins are always welcome. We will feature presenters as well as have some open meetings where members can discuss vision issues and share experiences and solutions. Join us in the library in Conference Room B: August 6 and 20 and September 3 and 17.

Genesee District Library Talking Book Center

G-4195 W Pasadena Ave, Flint, MI 48504 • 1- 866-732-1120

- **Open House Event.** Find out what is going on at the Talking Book Center during the Genesee District Library Talking Book Center and Homebound Service 2nd Annual Open House from 12pm to 3pm on Tuesday, September 24th, 2019. Refreshments will be served.

BSBP Updates

The Michigan Bureau of Services for Blind Persons (BSBP) believes in the capacity of people who are blind or visually impaired to achieve employment and independence. BSBP provides training and other services that empower people to achieve their individual goals. Services include:

- Pre-ETS/transition Services (youth services)
- Vocational Rehabilitation Services
- Independent Living Services for Seniors
- Business Enterprise Program
- Braille and Talking Book Library

To help you choose the BSBP services that are right for you, contact the Bureau toll-free at 1-800-292-4200.

Adaptative Tips from BSBP Rehab Teacher, Patricia Duyck

One thing we like to promote to our consumers is staying safe in their everyday environment, and one product I consistently recommend to my low-vision folks to accomplish this is yellow tread tape. Versatile and fairly cheap, yellow tread tape can be purchased on-line and used in a variety of ways. Placed at the edge of each tread on a set of house stairs, yellow tread tape makes the steps more visible and can eliminate the potentially dangerous practice of counting steps.

Tread tape doesn't have to just be used for steps. It also works well for helping to locate railings, edges, and more! After using tread tape to help folks see their basement stairs for years, I was visiting at an assisted living facility where they used the tape to help someone locate their room with more independence by taping the individual's door frame. The facility also marked a floor path to the bathroom for that resident.

Recently, I also had someone place tread tape on the edge of their tub so they could see to step in and out with more ease. You could also make the edge of the bathtub stand out more by placing a contrasting towel or washcloth over the edge to help it stand out and make it less of a trip hazard (a dark colored cloth over a white tub edge).

Tread tape will wear off steps over time, but it is pretty tough stuff. Just be sure to clean off the surface prior to placement and press it down firmly.

Michigan Talking Book Libraries

Bureau of Services for Blind Persons, Braille and Talking Book Library

1-800-992-9012 Counties served: Alcona, Allegan, Arenac, Barry, Bay, Berrien, Branch, Calhoun, Cass, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Clare, Clinton, Eaton, Emmet, Gladwin, Gratiot, Hillsdale, Ingham, Iosco, Isabella, Jackson, Kalamazoo, Lake, Lapeer, Lenawee, Livingston, Mason, Mecosta, Midland, Monroe, Montmorency, Newaygo, Oceana, Ogemaw, Osceola, Oscoda, Otsego, Presque Isle, Roscommon, Saginaw, Shiawassee, Saint Joseph, Van Buren

Washtenaw Library for the Blind and Physically Disabled @ AADL

1-734-327-4224 Counties served: Washtenaw

Great Lakes Talking Books

1-800-562-8985 Counties served: Alger, Alpena, Baraga, Chippewa, Crawford, Delta, Dickinson, Gogebic, Houghton, Iron, Keweenaw, Luce, Mackinac, Marquette, Menominee, Ontonagon, Schoolcraft

Oakland Talking Book Service @ RHPL

1-800-774-4542 Counties served: Oakland

Genesee District Talking Book Center

1-866-732-1120 Counties served: Genesee

Kent District Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

1-616-647-3988 Counties served: Ionia, Kent, Montcalm

Traverse Area District Library & Talking Book Library

1-877-931-8558 Counties served: Antrim, Benzie, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska, Leelanau, Manistee, Missaukee, Wexford

Library for Assistive Media and Talking Books (St. Clair County)

1-800-272-8570 Counties served: Huron, Saint Clair, Sanilac, Tuscola

Muskegon Area District Library for the Visually and Physically Disabled

1-231-737-6310, 1-877-569-4801 (Ottawa) Counties served: Muskegon, Ottawa

Macomb Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped @ CMPL

1-586-286-1580 Counties served: Macomb

Braille and Talking Books @ Taylor Community Library

1-734-287-4840 Serving Wayne County

Detroit Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

1-313-481-1702 Serving cities of Detroit and Highland Park

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By making a gift to the Library of Michigan Foundation, donors can help the BSBP Braille and Talking Book Library (BTBL) better serve thousands of Michigan residents statewide who are visually impaired or have other disabilities. Donors may also opt to provide for the Library of Michigan Foundation in their wills. By doing so, donors are able to make a larger gift than what might be possible during their lifetime, become eligible to receive tax benefits, and enjoy recognition and thanks now for their planned charitable contributions later. To make a gift of support, please send a check to the Library of Michigan Foundation, P.O. Box 11027, Lansing, MI 48901, or contact Darlene at **517-335-1488**.

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